

Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School 2024-25

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct applies to ALL students, school personnel, parents and other visitors when on school property (including school buses/vehicles) or attending a school-sponsored activity. A more detailed description of Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School policies, procedures and guidelines are available in the Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook.

The Code of Conduct contains information pertaining to possible actions/consequences to be taken by the classroom teacher or staff member in order to handle the offense. The classroom teacher/staff member may use the consequences as a guideline; they are not limited to the suggested action/consequences outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Included with the Code of Conduct is the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which outlines issues such as:

- Prohibited acts
- Student activities
- Rights of privacy
- Search of student lockers
- Alternative Education policies
- Maintenance of public order on school property
- Inappropriate behavior
- Enforcement and penalties

Also included in the Code of Conduct are procedures for disciplinary measures and the appeal process.

Introduction

The Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Code of Conduct was developed in an effort to:

- Clearly define the expectations for acceptable conduct on school property.
- Identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct.

- Ensure that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly;

Copies of the complete Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook are available online or in the school's main office.

Please contact your school principal if you have additional questions or need more information about the Code of Conduct:

Gold Beach Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Bill Schildbach, 541-247-6647 ext. 229

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Every student has the responsibility to attend school regularly, to be considerate of others and to observe the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct should be thought of as the rules for the school, including all school functions.

Students have the following rights.

- You have the right to feel safe at school.
- All students have the right to concentrate on their school work and activities and enjoy them without worrying about unkind words and actions from others.
- No student should be subjected to harassment, bullying or discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex by school employees or students on school property or at any school-sponsored function.

It is against school rules for anyone to make anyone else feel uncomfortable due to any of these characteristics, or to make anyone else feel threatened or unsafe in general. Even if an action takes place off school grounds, it can be considered against school rules when it negatively impacts the ability of a student to focus on their schoolwork and participate in school activities.

All students are expected to:

- Respect themselves, fellow students, faculty, staff and school property.
- Arrive at school and to all classes on time.
- Bring all necessary schoolwork and materials to class; and
- Cooperate and be respectful throughout the day, doing what is asked by school leaders, teachers and staff members.

Reporting and Retaliation

All students are expected to promptly report any violations of the Gold Beach Junior/Senior Student Handbook to the appropriate adult. This includes incidents of other students or staff being harassed or discriminated against by students, school staff or other individuals on school property.

In addition, any district staff member who observes or learns of an incident or possible incident of harassment or discrimination must take immediate and appropriate action to report the incident to the administration. Staff members must also take steps to both end the harassment or discrimination and prevent it from reoccurring.

Any act of retaliation against a person who reports, investigates or participates in the review of a complaint of harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated.

Student Searches

School officials who are authorized to discipline students may question a student about any alleged violation of the law or the Code of Conduct. Officials are not required to contact parents/guardians before questioning a student. All students will be told why they are being questioned.

In addition, school property including lockers are subject to search by school officials at any time. Officials may also search students and/or their belongings if they have reasonable suspicion that the search will result in evidence that the student violated the law or Student Handbook. More information about student searches and interrogations can be found in the Student Handbook.

It should be noted that district officials are committed to cooperating with police officials and child protective services to maintain a safe school environment. Specific procedures are detailed in the complete Code of Conduct.

Disciplinary Action/Student Conduct

Students may be subject to a range of disciplinary actions, which are outlined in the Code of Conduct, including: conduct that is disorderly, insubordinate, disruptive, violent, threatening, endangering the safety, moral, health or welfare of others, or includes academic misconduct.

Students have a right to be informed when they are accused of violating the Code of Conduct. In this event, students have a right to present their version of the facts before consequences are decided. During the disciplinary process, the district will communicate with students, parents/legal guardians, teachers, guidance personnel, other staff and/or the superintendent as necessary.

Disciplinary action, when necessary, will be firm, fair and consistent in an effort to be most effective in changing student behavior. As a general rule, discipline will be progressive. When determining disciplinary action, authorized school personnel will consider the student's age; the nature of the offense; the circumstances that led to the offense; the student's prior disciplinary record; the effectiveness of other forms of discipline; information from parents, teachers and/or others; and other extenuating circumstances.

Disciplinary penalties include, but are not limited to warnings, notification to parents, detention, suspension from athletics or other activities or privileges, in-school suspension, removal from class, short or long-term suspension from school, counseling and referrals to outside agencies.

In addition, the Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook affords students with disabilities certain procedural protections whenever school authorities intend to impose discipline upon them. These procedures are consistent with the safeguards required by applicable laws and regulations.

Cafeteria Behavior

All students are expected to be in the cafeteria through their scheduled lunch time. Classes are still in session so hallway behavior should not distract or disrupt our learning environment. Cafeteria behavior should be no different than your behavior in the classroom. The Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook contains more information about cafeteria expectations and the consequences for violating them.

Transportation Conduct

The school bus ride is an extension of the school day. Students must behave appropriately as passengers on the school bus. Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right, and proper behavior will guarantee the continuation of this privilege. Misbehavior, on the other hand, will be dealt with in a timely manner and may result in suspension of bus privileges. The Central Curry School District utilizes video cameras for the purpose of monitoring student behavior on school buses. Refer to the complete Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook for further information.

Intimidation, Harassment, Menacing, or Bullying

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner, with proper regard to the rights and welfare of others. Intimidation, harassment, menacing and bullying will not be tolerated. The Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook contains more information about these expectations and the consequences for violating them.

Academic Honesty and Integrity

Every student's work should be his or her own. Students have the responsibility to complete their work themselves and to acknowledge sources of information used in that work. The Code of Conduct contains more information about the rules of academic integrity and the consequences for violating them.

Dress Code

Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Ensure that pants, shorts, and skirts are of appropriate length and underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
- Recognize that brief, revealing or see-through garments are not appropriate
- Include safe footwear at all times.
- Not include hoods since they obstruct a student's identity.
- Not include sunglasses.
- No pajamas, bedroom slippers, robes or blankets.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, or denigrate others on account of actual or perceived race, color, religion, religious practice, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, sex, weight or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances or illegal or violent activities.
- Head wear (such as baseball caps) may be worn during school hours based on staff discretion within the classroom. Hats are to be removed in the cafeteria, during assemblies, and when reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Students who fail to abide by these stipulations may lose this privilege.

A complete list of dress code guidelines is available in the Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook.

Electronic Devices

It is recognized that the use of electronic devices can be a crucial part of the curriculum of many courses. We want our students to learn to use portable communication devices

responsibly. However, cell phones have become a distraction, and an interruption for our students.

Students WILL be allowed to use electronic devices before and after school and in the cafeteria at lunch. Students WILL NOT be allowed to possess or use a cell phone and/or ear buds/headphones during the school day unless it is for educational reasons and under teacher supervision. Students are encouraged to only check for important messages while they are at school. It is hoped that this will encourage students to choose to engage with their classmates instead of their technology. If a student violates this policy the device/item will be confiscated as per the Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook. For further guidance, consult the complete policy.

Computers and School Network

Computers provide students the opportunity to connect their learning to all resources and information available online. Computers are to be used for school related educational activities only. Computers and District provided email accounts, are the property of the Central Curry School District and, as a result, may be subject to inspection at any time. Students should have NO expectation of privacy of materials found on an assigned computer or their email account. Supplied devices are an educational tool and not intended for personal use such as: gaming, social networking, or high-end computing. A complete list of technology use guidelines is available in the Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs

Alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances and other drug use is illegal and interferes with both effective learning and the healthy development of students. Central Curry School District has a legal and ethical obligation to prevent drug use and to maintain a healthy, drug free environment. This includes handling, possessing, using, soliciting, advocating or being under any degree of influence of any alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, drugs, or other controlled substances or paraphernalia. The Gold Beach Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook contains more information about the alcohol, tobacco, and drugs and the consequences for violating them.